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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Terrence W. Schmidt
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MISSION MODULE SWAPPING
IN A VESSEL
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Attorney Docket No.: 1934-8-3

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

10 May 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicant's attorney amends the claims and specification, and requests reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

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